(c) Yes, Sir. Cases have been filed against processers and exporters under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. CCI&E has also initiated penal action against the exporters under Export (Control) Order, 1977.

Re-promulgation of ordinances by Bihar Government

*198. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the Supreme Court 5-Judge bench observation to the effect that re-promulgation of Ordinances by Bihar Government was a subversion of democratic process;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 256 such Ordinances, 60 were re-promulgated several times and kept alive with the permission of the Union Government; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken as a follow-up measures to the above observation by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government have seen the judgement of the Supreme Court in D. C. Wadhwa's case on the subject of re-promulgation of Ordinances by the Government of Bihar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Governments have been apprised of the propositions laid down by the Supreme Court in the above case and requested to ensure that their proposals for promulgation or re-promulgation of the Ordinances are first examined in the light of the above propositions before referring the same for obtaining instructions of the President under the proviso to Article 213(1) of the Constitution.

Export of Potato

*199. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to boost the export of fresh and processed potato;

(b) if so, what is the quantity and value of potato being presently exported to foreign countries; and

(c) how much foreign exchange is likely to be earned thereby?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Government has been encouraging exports of fruits and vegetables, which also include fresh and processed potato. Export of potato is allowed under OGL.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating quantity and value of exports of fresh and processed potato is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(Quantity in MTs Value in Rs. lakhs)

Item	1983-84		1984-85		1985-86	
	Qyt. (provisional)	Val.	Qty. (provisional)	Val.	Qty. (provisional)	Val.
Fresh potatoes . .	285	7·00	517	10·00	263·	6·00
Processed potatoes, mainly potato chips . . .	24	13·00	27	15·00	17	11·00